PRESIDENT: Only 23 seating accommodation.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir. Only seating accommodation for 23 is provided.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Whether the Government are aware that the drivers of the transport buses are invariably found reluctant to permit private cars to overtake them on the road?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No such complaints have been brought to the notice of Government.

Scheduled motor fare from Nagercoil to Trivandrum.

88. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the scheduled motor fare from Nagercoil to Trivandrum during the years 1111 and 1112; and

(*b*) the scheduled fare for the Transport bus from Trivandrum to Nagercoil?

MR. M GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Annas twelve. (*b*) Chackrams twenty one and cash eight.

MR. K. KESAVAN: കൊല്ലത്തുനിന്നും തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തെയ്ക്കുള്ള ചാർജ്ജ് എന്താണ്?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Number and accounts of the buses in the Transport Department.

89. *MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses ordered by them for the use of the Transport Department;

(*b*) whether separate accounts are kept for the receipts and expenses of each bus?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) 59 buses and one breakdown lorry.

(*b*) No. It is not practicable to keep separate accounts for each bus.

Money received from the State Transport Service.

90. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of money received from the State Transport Service up to the end of Edavom 1113;

(*b*) the total amount of money spent up to the end of Edavom 1113, for the establishment charges and other expenses for the service such as the purchase of oils, spare parts &c.; and

(*c*) the causes for the delay in opening the services in the Trivandrum-Quilon and Trivandrum-Kottayam lines?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Rs 2,32,466-26 Chs.-11 Ca.

(*b*) Rs. 1,83,000—(includes depreciation and interest on capital).

(*c*) The taking up of the Kottayam Trivandrum route is not in contemplation at present. The delay in opening the service between Trivandrum and Quilon is due to the want of spare parts which are on their way from England.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether the amount given in answer to part (*b*) include the value of the buses and the spare parts?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government the total amount spent on purchasing the buses and spare parts up to the end of Edavom 1113?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, the House has already been informed that 60 buses have been purchased at a cost of about 3 lakhs of rupees and their spare parts have not yet been purchased. But they have been ordered and they have arrived at Alleppey. But payment has not been made.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I take it then that the amount spent is only Rs. 3 lakhs up to the end of Edavom?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: So far 60 buses have been purchased and 3 lakhs of rupees have been spent.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Does the expenditure include the salary of the Transport Superintendent?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The expenditure shown, of course, includes the salary of the Superintendent,

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason for the delay in taking over the Trivandrum-Kottayam line?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have not yet decided as to when the line should be taken over for Government Transport services.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have considered that question?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have not yet taken that question into consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why they have not?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It is the desire of Government to see first of all how far profitable and successful the present undertaking would be before they run the Transport service on the Kottayam line.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there any special reason for taking up the Trivandrum-Cape line and the Trivandrum-Quilon line first?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Trivandrum-Nagercoil line is one of the most paying and busiest routes in Travancore. As such Government started with that line.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ടുപദ്ധതിയിൽനിന്നു കിട്ടുന്ന ലാഭത്തിന്റെ വല്ല ശതമാനവും ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് സൂപ്രണ്ടിനു കൊടുക്കാമെന്നു സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, one of the conditions of his entertainment in service is that he would be paid five per cent. bonus out of the profits if it is in excess of 7½ per cent.

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MR. K. KESAVAN : തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുനിന്നും കൊല്ലത്തേക്കുള്ള ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് സർവീസ് എന്നുമുതൽക്കാണ് തുടങ്ങുന്നത്?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : It is expected that the services would be started on the 20th July, probably in a couple of days.

MR. K. KESAVAN : അതിലേയ്ക്കു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ചാർജ്ജ് എന്താണ്?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : Sir, the Government have not yet approved the charges and they are expecting proposals from the Transport Superintendent.

MR. K. KESAVAN : ഇപ്പോൾ നിലവിലിരിക്കുന്ന ചാർജ്ജ് എന്താണ്?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I am not aware of the current charges. but I belive it must be only as much as the train fare.

MR. K. KESAVAN : ഇപ്പോഴിരിക്കുന്ന ചാർജിനെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The question has not yet been decided.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : (*Trivandrum Town*) : This agreement to pay the Superintendent 5½ per cent. bonus on profit in excess of 7½ per cent, does it apply to the Trivandrum-Cape line alone or to other lines that Government may take over in future ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The condition applies to all the lines that Government may take over.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Is there any maximum limit on which he could claim bonus ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : 5 percent of the profits in excess of 7½ per cent and nothing more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Sir, my question is whether any maximum amount is fixed ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know what is the Government's idea when they expect to get a very huge profit out of this concern with regard to the payment of bonus to the Superintendent ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : As regards the payment of bonus it has been made clear that he will be paid 5 per sent if the profits are over and above 7½ per cent on the total outlay.

PRESIDENT : The honourabl member may be told that he has been entertained only for a short period.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : This agreement holds good only for the first year of his entertainment.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know the terms on which the option to renew the agreement may be exercised ?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: If he is allowed to continue fresh terms of agreement will have to be entered into by him.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know approximately the amount of profit which the Government hope to make in 1114?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, I am afraid that it is premature for the Government to anticipate how much profit they may get in future undertakings.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know why the Government have entered into a special term of agreement with one of its officers *viz.*, the Transport Superintendent?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, he is not a Government Officer, he is the head of only a commerical department and as such he cannot be deemed to be a Government Officer.

Receipts from and expenditure on the Transport Department.

91. ✻**MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement month by month, showing the receipts from and expenditure on the Transport Department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI:

	Receipts.			*Expenditure.*		
	Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
Kumbhom	37,234	3	5	42,000	...	...
Meenom	58,960	4	12	45,000	...	...
Medom	67,741	24	6	48,000	...	...
Edavom	68,530	22	4	48,000	...	...

Number of buses, collections, etc., of the Transport Department.

92. ✻**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): With reference to the Transport Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount collected each day from the beginning till the end of Edavom 1113 from the Trivandrum-Cape road, and from the Trivandrum Town Service;

(*b*) the number of buses running on the Trivandrum-Cape road;

(*c*) the number of buses used for the Trivandrum Town Service; and

(*d*) the total expenses per mensem in connection with these two services?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) As the preparation of daily statements necessarily involves much labour and trouble, monthly statements are appended below:—

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